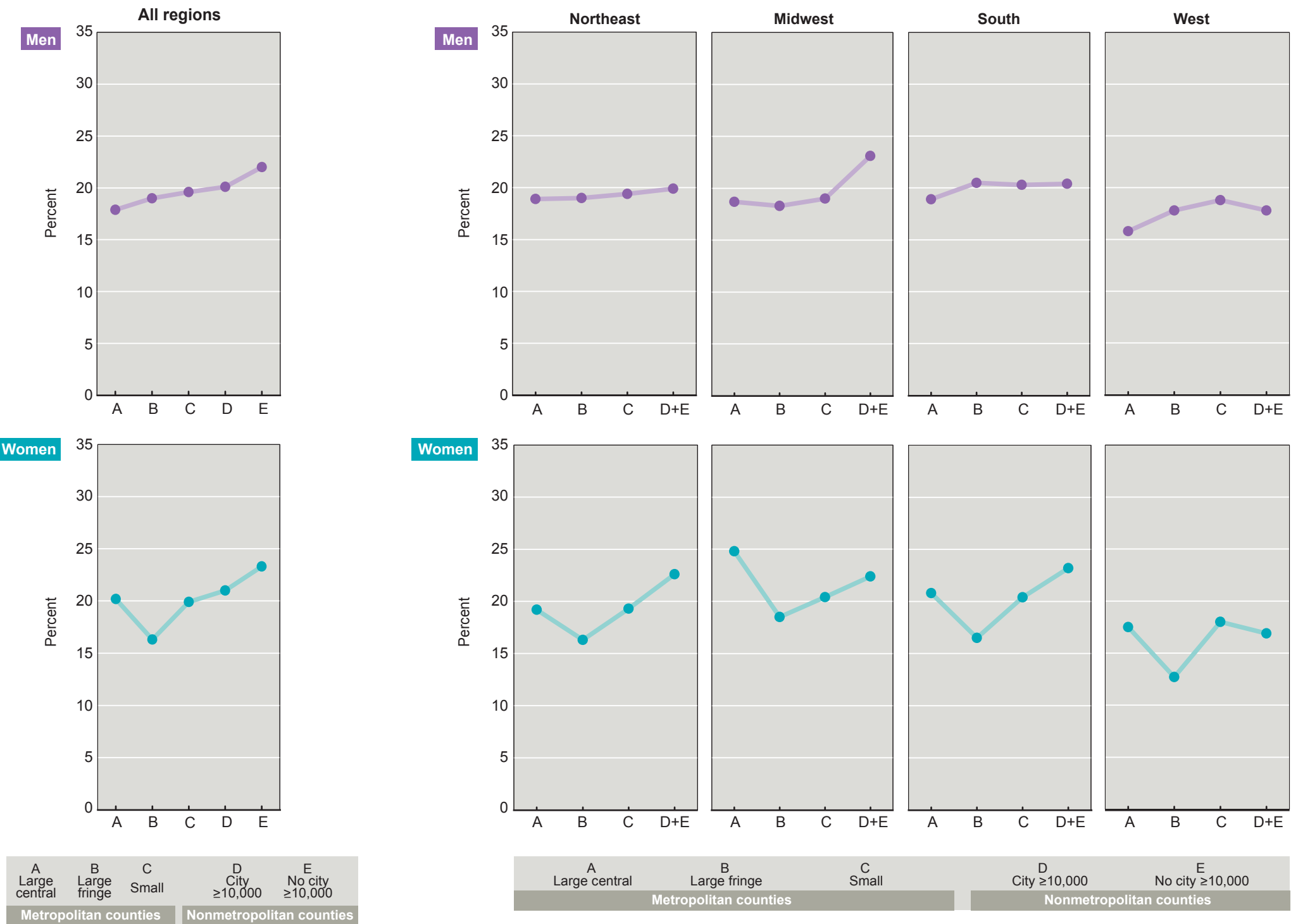


Figure 9. Obesity among persons 18 years of age and over by sex, region, and urbanization level: United States, 1997-98



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